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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Regular application claiming priority of a provisional)

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**Subject:** This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**FARRUKH S. NAJMI**

**For:** **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AN E-BUSINESS AUDIT TRAIL IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING SYSTEM**

Priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/208,686 filed on May 31, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **21** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ **12** Sheets of formal Drawings
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Separate Declaration

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

- ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)  
☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.  
☐ The certified copy is enclosed.  
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- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

“This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.”

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	6	MINUS	20	= 0	x 18	0
INDEP.	1	MINUS	3	= 0	x 80	0
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$270	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$710	710.00
TOTAL						710.00
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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SUN1P293).



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